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The Church of God Evangel

ALL NATIONS MATT. 28:19

EVERY CREATURE MARK. 16:15

"And when the day of Pentecost was fully come they were all with one accord in one place." Acts 2:1. "And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost and began to speak with other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance." Acts 2:4.

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Sin, Its Origin and the Penalty

BY L. C. PENNINGTON

Gen. 2:16, 17, "And the Lord God commanded the man, saying, Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat: But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die."

"Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned," Rom. 5:12.

"For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive," 1 Cor. 15:22.

"For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord," Rom. 6:23.

We find that the definition of "sin" is "the transgression of God's law or commandments" so we will see where it first originated. When God made man He placed him in the garden of Eden and gave him dominion over all the beasts of the field, all cattle, and all fowls of the air. He also placed in the garden trees to bear fruit for his food and that were good to look upon with the eye. He told Adam he could eat freely of every tree in the garden except the tree of knowledge of good and evil, and the day that he ate thereof he should surely die.

So we see them living there in the garden of plenty. They had nothing to do but to dress it and eat and look on the beauty of Eden. They didn't have to even look for their clothes. God said they were naked and were not ashamed. Gen. 2:25. Now we see this old sin-cursed world, it seems headed back to that time, or trying to.

We see the old serpent, the devil, as he saw man in his glory with all the beauty that surrounded him, with his wife Eve; and no doubt he became envious of them, so he began to seek a plan to overthrow him, which he succeeded in doing through Eve. The devil knows how to use crafty, cunning ways now, as he did then, to overthrow you and me if we do like poor Eve did. The devil showed her the fruit, how beautiful it was on the tree of knowledge of good and evil, and said, "God does know that in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt not surely die, but will become as gods knowing good and evil." So Eve saw that it was good and pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make one wise, so she took of the fruit, and did eat, and gave to her husband with her, and he did eat. Gen. 3:6. There are so many things to-day that look so pleasant to the eyes, but you had better be careful, and be wise, not as Eve did, for she sought the wisdom that caused her and her husband to lose their beautiful, happy home.

Just think now for a moment what they lost by doing what God told them not to do. James said, "If any man lack wisdom let him ask of God," and also the good Book says, "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom," and "They that winneth souls is wise." So don't let your eyes fool you.

We notice that as long as they did right they were not afraid to meet God when He would come down to talk to them, but as soon as they disobeyed Him they were afraid, condemnation was upon them. How true it is with people to-day, when they do wrong they know it. When they are not doing what God said, and do what He said for them not to do, then it brings condemnation. But thank God, the Apostle Paul said, "There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit." Rom. 8:1.

We see that one act of disobedience forfeited their rights to all that was good. They couldn't eat of the fruit any longer in ease and pleasure but were driven out of their beautiful home. A life of happiness was gone, and now to till the soil was poor Adam's punishment, and to earn his living in the sweat of his face. Gen. 3:19. And sorrow was pronounced upon Eve. The whole earth was cursed on account of that one sin. There was no more peace between man and beast. No doubt the lions and other animals roared and made for the forests. The earth brought forth thistles and thorns.

There in the beautiful garden of Eden there was nothing to mar the peace and happiness of men until he disobeyed, but oh, just think of the awful penalty that it brought upon man. He was under a curse. So we see as in the scripture we quoted in the beginning, Rom. 5:12, sin

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Notices

The Jacksonville district Sunday School convention will convene with the Church of God at Olustee, Fla., on Sunday, Feb. 28, 1937. This district has eight schools and we want a large delegation from each school so that we can make this a great day in Zion. Each individual school may claim credit for every member present at this convention and count them when making your monthly report. Let me plead with you to co-operate and make the sacrifice so this will be the best convention ever held on this district. Some of the best ministers in Florida are to be on the program to speak at this convention. There will be dinner spread at the church and everybody bring a well-filled basket of good things to eat and stay all day. Our esteemed district overseer, who is also state Sunday School superintendent, Brother Thomas W. Godwin, will be present. The public is invited.—Paul Taylor, district S. S. Supt., Sanderson, Fla.

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For the benefit of the Charlotte, N. C., district we are reporting the leading Sunday Schools and Y. P. E's. The Sunday School banner went to High Shoals, N. C., on a 14 per cent increase; Mount Holly came second with 6 per cent increase; Albemarle came third with 5 per cent increase.

Now the leading Y. P. E. is Cramerton. In the midst of their troubles they have made an 85 per cent increase. They are now working very hard to replace their church which was consumed by fire. Bessemer City came second with a 19 per cent increase; Mount Holly came third with 1 per cent increase. Whatever our hands find to do, let us do it with all our might.—Carl O. Graham, Charlotte district superintendent, c|o Aberfoyle Mill.

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To whom it may concern: I am out in the work for God and am willing to go anywhere the Lord wants me to go. I am going by prayer and faith. I would like to work in new fields and anyone desiring my service, write me.—A brother in Christ, Clayton White, Rt. 1, Box 6, c|o C. C. Melton, Old Fort, N. C.

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God is blessing on our district. The churches at St. George and Fairview, Brother A. N. Jackson, pastor, have won the Sunday School state banner twice since the Assembly, once at each church. Bayard was second to go over the top on assessment. To all churches on the district: When you go over the top I'll present to you a beautiful table for your church. Clerks, Sunday School superintendents, Y. P. E. presidents, please report promptly and do not fail to send tithes with reports.—R. L. Rexrode, district overseer, Davis, W. Va.

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To all the Y. P. E's and Sunday Schools in North Carolina: Please send all your monthly assessments to G. C. Hamby, Box 103, Lenoir, N. C. He is state Sunday School and Y. P. E. secretary and treasurer. Brother T. C. Franklin is now serving as state Sunday School and Y. P. E. superintendent.—Max L. Atkins, Cleveland, Tenn., c|o B. T. S.

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To all the Sunday Schools in the state of West Virginia and all who are connected or interested in any way in the Sunday School work: The state banner goes this time to St. George Sunday School, also two dollars in cash, for making the highest per cent increase in attendance for December, which was 36.6 per cent. Eckman came next with 27.7 per cent and Elbert third with 24.5 per cent. Brother R. L. Rexrode, district pastor at Bayard, Elkins district, shows best all-round district record so far. McDowell district is next, T. F. Blackwell, district overseer. Then Mallory district, Brother Carl Campbell, district overseer, and Salem district, Brother S. B. McCane, district overseer, each showing about the same.

Come on all now, and see who leads this month. All Sunday Schools report early, just after the last Sunday of each month, and send tithes of Sunday School money to me at the end of each quarter. Those who send stamps, please send one, two, or three-cent stamps, no larger as I can't use five, ten, or twenty-five cent stamps. I have Sunday School report cards. If you need some, let me know. I shall be glad to help you in any way possible. I am praying for you and love you and desire to help you by being a blessing. Let's all work hard for the Sunday School interests.—Faithfully, T. F. Blackwell, West Virginia State S. S. superintendent, Switchback, W. Va.

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If you are planning on buying a gospel tent for spring, be sure to write me. I have a new forty-foot round tent which I will sell cheap. Please let me hear from you if you want a tent.—Your brother, V. E. Hooks, 617 Bryant St., Bessemer, Ala.

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To whom it may concern: This is to certify that J. P. Hughes is no longer a minister or member in the Church of God.—John C. Jernigan, Overseer of Georgia.

Our Duty in Regard to Missions

Text: "I am debtor both to the Greeks, and to the Barbarians; both to the wise, and to the unwise. So, as much as in me is, I am ready to preach the gospel to you that are at Rome also, for I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ; for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek." Rom. 1: 14-16.

All men are in debt, and salvation is not a tank or cistern, it is a fountain to flow out, and the Church is the medium in which to lead men to that fountain. It is God's plan that this gospel should be preached in all the world by human agency, although it is possible that God could paint the gospel in the sky in every language under heaven, or send angels and preach it in every city. But that is not God's plan, He has never ordained angels to preach the gospel, but has anointed men to preach it, and if they don't, millions will die and be lost.

When Jesus began to estimate the value of the soul, He placed its valuation as more than all the world by saying, what shall it profit you if you gain the whole world and lose your own soul, or what shall you give in exchange for your soul?

Some will say, We have plenty of heathens at home. If so, they are heathen because they want to be. They have no excuse, we have a land of Bibles and churches, and Christ, in some measure is preached in every community, so that people know enough to be saved. But there are 800,000,000 poor, benighted souls for whom Jesus died, who have never heard the gospel, and they are just as valuable as ours. We owe them the gospel.

Then some will say, If we support missions, the home work will suffer. Absolutely not. If you individually or collectively do not support the foreign missionary enterprise, you are not obeying Christ, and you will not prosper. It has been my experience and observation that every person and congregation that supports missions prospers financially in proportion. Remember the miracle of the feeding of the five thousand with five barley loaves and two fishes. To begin with, they had a very small amount for home work, hardly enough for supper for Christ and His disciples. After they fed the multitude (represents the great heathen world), they had twelve baskets-ful for the home work. It will work that way every time, try it brotner.

Missions is not a poor beggar standing at the door of the church with outstretched hands, begging for a few con-

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Does Salt Ever Lose Its Saltiness?

BY T. S. PAYNE

In Matt. 5:13 Jesus said to His disciples, "Ye are the salt of the earth: but if the salt have lost his savour, wherewith shall it be salted?" Jesus is here speaking of the salt losing its saltiness and becoming good for nothing. He further states that, "Ye are the light of the world," but goes on and intimates that the light may be hid under a bushel. He also exhorts, "Have salt in yourselves," Mark 9:50.

The Jews lost their savor and were broken off. This leads us to the solemn inquiry, Are professors of Christianity progressing or declining in faith and spirituality?

We turn now to the "parable" chapter, Matt. 13. The parable of the sower shows the varied and imperfect reception of the Word of God. The parable of the tares shows that the devil is constantly on the job doing all in his power to keep people from receiving the word of truth which is able to save their souls. The parable of the mustard seed shows outward growth sheltering evil. The parable of the leaven shows how the enemy is mixing error with truth, or in other words, always keeping evil ever present along with good, in order that while people are getting the good they may, at the same time, get at least some evil. The parable of the treasure hid in the field shows us that Israel is to be the world. The parable of the pearl of great price shows plainly that the Church is to be subject to its great head (Christ). The parable of the dragnet teaches us that there will be a great separation when Jesus comes and puts on His great clean-up, getting ready for His millennial kingdom.

Away with the worn-out theory that soon the world is to be permeated (leavened with good leaven) until it will automatically merge into Christ's holy kingdom.

The inconsistency of this is plainly seen when we consider that precisely the contrary is taught by the parable of the sower and the tares, each of which most undisputedly shows that evil is to continue and grow up to the end of the age.

This is surely the most sufficient and scriptural reason for assigning the same typical meaning to the leaven in this and the correlative passage, which we find it to bear in the numerous other passages, where the same word is used; viz., the corrupting influence of evil and the symbol of death. Matt. 16:6-12.

By this and various other scriptures we are emphatically taught not only that the world is growing NO better, but that those who profess to be followers of Christ are in danger of losing their savor or saltiness and become lukewarm and fit only to be spued out of the Master's mouth.

If we will only observe visible surroundings and take an unprejudiced survey of what we are able to behold even now, we can see the fulfillment of this truth. The loss of spiritual power in modern churches is not so much that they have cast away that part of the truth they have taught and practiced, but it has been that they have imbibed false doctrine, which like leaven, has fermented the mass. Little by little the bishop of Rome developed into a so-called, infallible Pope. This was not done in a day. Image worship, the confessional, world conformity and post-millenialism have all worked out their enormous growth like the little leaven in the meal. There is very little, in fact, no comparison between the great Papal and Greek churches, in their stateliness, formality, popularity, and spiritual weakness of today and the despised Nazarene and the Church of God.

And are not the present denominations, by worldly conformity and increeping doubts and infidelity regarding the inspiration of the Bible, the virgin birth of the Son of God, dangerously leading their thousands, yes, millions on toward the pit of eternal despair? Very few of their members are crying out for a complete separation from sin and for the blood of a crucified Christ to sanctify them wholly. It is easy to see the corrupting influence of the leaven permeating them.

This is an awful fact. It is not even pleasant to state it. Noah's preaching was not pleasant to them that heard it, still it was true and the flood came just like he said it would.

The prophesying of Jeremiah was exceedingly unpleasant, but it was true and was followed by the terrible fate of the city and the Babylonian captivity. The preaching of Jesus often brought sadness to the hearts of His hearers, but it was none the less true. Many people do not believe in holiness, yet the Bible tells us without it we cannot see God. Heb. 12:14.

Then we should humbly, yet faithfully, declare the whole counsel of God. We should cry aloud and spare not, fully believing that, upon an apostate church and upon a sinful world, the day of darkness is soon coming.

But even in the day of darkness there is hope for the faithful ones. God has always and will always have a faithful remnant. There were those in rebellious Israel who sat in darkness, but they saw a great light. They waited for the promised Messiah and accepted Him when He came.

So there will be those in the Church of God who will be watching, waiting and longing for His promised return. To them shall He appear the second time without sin unto salvation.

A wonderful day is coming, a day promised so long,
He'll come in sight, with power and might,
And we shall join the song;
Then Christ our Lord will listen to every plaintive sigh,
And stretch His hand o'er every land, with justice by and by.

Church Set in Order at Richmond, Va.

RICHMOND, Va.—On Oct. 18, 1936 Brother G. C. Smith, state evangelist, began a revival at Richmond. The meeting progressed for five weeks. After the fourth week, on Saturday night, Nov. 14, the church was set in order with six members by Brother J. L. Dorman, our state overseer. Brother A. H. Shipp rented a church and invited the above evangelist to this city to hold the revival. We moved to our new mission at 705 W. Cary St. the week of Dec. 27, held our first service there Jan. 3, with Brother Smith in charge.

Everyone please pray for this little band and the work of God in Richmond. We need your prayers.—Your sister in Christ, Mrs. A. H. Shipp, clerk.

God is Still Blessing

SECO, Ky.—I praise God for salvation through the blood of Jesus. I am so glad that I gave my heart to God. I want to be a humble servant and do whatsoever my Lord would have me do.

We are small in number here at our little church but God is still blessing us and healing our bodies. We are very thankful to have Brother Keith back for pastor this year. We have already purchased a lot for a church building, and by the help of our great King, we are expecting to see a building started in the near future, for which we give God all the praise. I sincerely ask your prayers. —A humble sister, Bessie Wallin Murray.

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Editorials

SOME STILL NOT RECEIVING THEIR EVANGELS

We received in one day cards from fifteen subscribers stating that they were not receiving their Evangel. About the same time we received notices from post offices stating that people had not called for their papers or had changed their addresses. Now the post office charges us 2c for each notice, when you could write us at a cost of 1c for a card. Those of you who are not receiving your papers, will you please take this up with the post master or rural carrier and avoid this expense and troubles? In giving your subscription, please be sure and give your correct address as well as your old address. Our mailing list shows that these papers are leaving this office every week.

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OUR RESPONSIBILITY

I pity the man who steals when he is hungry or when poverty is pinching his family. I can understand the power of the temptation to which he yields. I have sympathy for the man who drinks when a demon of thirst is at his throat and every drop of blood seems to be calling for rum. But the man who swears bites at a bare hook and foolishly loses his soul.

Whether we are industrious or lazy, work we must; and the natural and forced results of such work will always be the thing that God means for us to do. If we be great men there will be great things to do. Whether our task be great or simple, toil, if peaceably done and done right, will be done to our praise.

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BRINGING OURSELVES INTO SUBJECTION

There are some things that we cannot dispense with and among these are God's Word and truth and those religious influences by which He brings the heart of man into subjection to His laws. Do not be ashamed to confess yourselves Christians. To me one all-important thing is that we should have a free-flow of conversation relative to our Christian experience. I have always had a sort of compassion for those who think they are wiser than the Creator. There is a God and if a God then a Governor. He has not created us and flung us out to be the mere sport of chance and time. He who tries to spoil away and overthrow religion is as he who knocks the crutches from beneath a lame man. In the observation of the law of God and in the promise of the gospel of Jesus Christ, there is the best guarantee of peace upon earth and the only hope of eternal life. My life is not my own. True, it is mine, but then it belongs also to others, so far as my own personal interest is concerned. But life is a divine trust, a part of the social order. To live is not only an individual duty but a social obligation.

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HELP FOR THE TRIED

Are you down? Make a struggle. And because you struggle God will struggle in you, and with you, and for you, and will surely bring you out. Samson called upon God in his blindness and backslidden state. God answered him and brought him out and he overthrew the pavilion that the enemies of God had erected for sinful pleasure,—and God can use you. David cried and God gave him a new heart and created within him a right spirit. Peter wept bitterly and a few days later Jesus told him to feed His lambs and sheep. Thomas said, "I will not believe unless I see and thrust my finger into his side," and when he saw Jesus he said, "My Lord and my God." "Call upon him and he will answer thee, because he has set his love upon thee he will deliver thee and will set thee on high. Thou shalt tread upon the lion and upon the adder, and the young lion and the dragon shalt thou trample under foot." What a victorious life we might live in the midst of all the well-meant destroying devilment all around us, if we only use the power that worketh in us.

LOVE

A man should not allow himself to hate even his enemies. If we indulge in passions like that, sometimes it will rise up against our friends and thereby they will be wounded and great harm will be done. It is dangerous to contract habits of dislike for at an unguarded moment they will crop out and cause us much shame and discomfort. The psalmist said that we should have a contempt for evil. God does not require us to take any part or have any pleasure in things that are evil. We should overcome evil with good. There is only one way by which we may be able to be conquerors over these things, and that is by the love of God. True love will not allow us to indulge in thoughts of envy but will ever keep us steering straight. To cultivate love will broaden our opportunities for doing good. Love is the thing that the world is dying for. Jesus said, "If ye love me, keep my commandments." So we should be careful and keep our stock of love full. The love of God will guard us in a moment of trial and will help us to bridge the chasm that looks impossible.

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Life is a sheet of paper white,
Whereon each one of us may write
A word or two, and then comes night.
"Lo, time and space enough," we cry,
"To write an epic!" So we try
Our nibs upon the edge—and die.
Muse not which way the pen to hold;
Soon comes the darkness and the cold.
Greatly begin! Though thou have time
But for a line, be that sublime.
Not failure, but low aim, is crime.

—*James Russell Lowell.*

Presence of the Lord Filled the House

GREENSBORO, N. C.—On Christmas night we began a few nights' service. We had with us a number of B. T. S. students and Paul Stallings, who is attending Bob Jones College in Cleveland. Those from B. T. S. were Brothers Harris, Harry Hatcher, and Newby Dixon. These boys sang, played music, gave their testimonies, and prayed. The convicting power of the Lord was present and His presence filled the house. Paul did the preaching, which was enjoyed by all present. Six were saved, one sanctified, and one filled with the Holy Ghost. The tide of blessings rose higher and higher until all seemed wonderfully blessed.

We thank God for the church here, for its faithful members, our good pastor, Brother W. M. Stallings, his faithful wife, and daughter. Pray for us that this church may grow and prosper and be ready to go when Jesus comes.—Cecil Ramsey, correspondence clerk.

Requests

We praise God for the way He is blessing in the revival at Kingsport. Please pray for it that many souls will be saved. God is blessing wonderfully. Pray for my children to be saved and that the Lord will draw me closer to Him and heal my body.—A sister, Mrs. M. L. Hickman, Kingsport, Tenn.

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Dear saints, I have an unspoken request which I want every saint of God to pray for. God knows about it. Pray that He will grant it.—A believer in Christ, C. Jones, Roanoke, Rapids, N. C.

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Please pray that God will draw me closer to Him. Pray for my unsaved loved ones and for my home that it may become a home of prayer. Don't forget to pray for my dear old mother and dad. —A sister in Christ, Miss Ola Bramlett, 117 Caryell St., Marietta, Ga.

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Please pray for me. Eight months ago I had a nervous breakdown and nervous chills, and I am still having nervous spells. My head feels queer and I am weak. Pray for me that I can trust the Lord with my body, I know He is able to heal. Pray for my unsaved husband.—Your sister in Christ, Mrs. Guthrie Stewart, Avon Park, Fla.

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Dear saints, please pray for the healing of my sister's body. She is seriously ill. Also pray for the saving of her soul and for my other loved ones who are lost.—A sister in Christ, Willie Digby, Big Spring, Texas.

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Dear Evangel readers, I have been hindered for two months from getting out in service for my blessed Lord. Pray that God will move sickness and all hindering causes. Pray for my husband's weak body and hearing. If district pastors see this and need an evangelist to hold revivals for them, I will work by myself just where needed, or I will work with a co-worker.—Mrs. Norma L. Miller, Box 622, Buckhannon, W. Va.

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Please pray for me, I have been trusting the Lord with the healing of my eyes. I have been wearing glasses for a good many years but haven't worn them since God touched my eyes so that I could read the Word of God a little without them. Please pray that God will completely heal them. Especially pray that God will save my husband and son. —Your sister in Christ, Mrs. Katie Featherstone, Prichard, Ala.

Please pray for me, I need God's healing power so much. Please pray for a great spiritual healing also.—Your sister in Christ, Onie Montgomery, Rt. 4, Booneville, Miss.

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Dear saints, please pray for God to heal me of dead liver and other ailments, also that my family will come to God soon. I ask for spiritual healing also.—A member of the Church of God, Annie Skelton, Rt. 4, Booneville, Miss.

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Church of God people everywhere, please deny yourself of one or three meals the 14th day of February and pray for the Lord to heal Bobby Craig, a seven-year-old cripple from birth.—Mrs. Nancy Barker, Bangor, Me.

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Please pray a special prayer for me that I will overcome the tests and trials that I am having. My faith is weak but oh, how I do want more overcoming victory. Pray that my husband and children will come to the Lord before it's too late. —A sister, Zerd Garren, Rt. 2, Alabama City, Ala.

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Please pray a special prayer for my four sons who are in bad health, that God will heal their bodies and save their souls. Pray for my two daughters that they will be healed and saved also. Please don't pass this up.—A sister in Christ, Mrs. Anna Vannoy, East Alton, Ill.

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I have been afflicted in body for sometime, so I ask everybody to pray for me that I will be healed. I have been improving lately through the prayers of faithful ones, so pray that I will be completely healed. Pray for us as we are trying to build up a little work here. We need your prayers.—Mrs. L. S. McDonald, Rock City, Ill.

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I have been in bad health for several years, have suffered death almost it seems. I get dizzy in my head and nervous. I suppose I have high blood pressure. I am worse in summer than in winter. Please pray for my healing. I also have the flu and am suffering lots. Pray for me to get completely healed.—A sister in Christ, Eula McGee, Morton, Miss., Rt. 1, Box 29.

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Please pray earnestly for the healing of Sister Schmidt's body. She has had heart trouble for two years.—Mello Kiggans, Dart, Ohio.

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Through the prayers of the saints I was healed in body. My little girl was also healed of whooping cough. Please continue to pray for me and my family that God can have His right-of-way in my home. Pray that a work may be established here. the people need God in their lives.—Your brother in Christ, R. C. Ross, Troutdale, Va.

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Dear saints, I have a hard trial on hand and ask everyone of you to please pray for me and my husband. He is a backslider. When he had victory I have heard him say he felt like the Lord wanted him to preach but he could never do that. It seems so easy for him to lose victory. Pray for him to be willing to obey and be delivered from the tobacco habit again. I also have several requests for the healing of my body. Please fast and pray until your prayers reach the throne of grace. Please pray for our church that it will rise and shine for Jesus.—A sister in Christ, Mrs. Ben Youngblood, Rt. 1, Juniper, Ga.

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I have an unspoken request which I want you to please pray for. Pray that God will have His way. I thank the Lord for touching my body last night. I praise Him for healing me many times. —One who loves the Church, Mrs. S. A. Beaube (better known as Grandma), Rt. 1, Box 59, Winnsboro, La.

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Please pray for our church. Please pray a special prayer for Grandma Reid, she has cancer of the eye and is in a serious condition. Pray until your prayers go through.—A humble sister, Dollie Bolick, clerk, Rt. 1, Salem, S. C.

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Please pray for a woman and two men to get back to the Lord. Also pray for my stepfather and other loved ones to get salvation. Pray for a boy who has fits to be saved and healed. If anyone feels led to send an anointed cloth to this boy, please do so. His address is Fred Winstead, Clarkesville, Ga.

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My father and mother-in-law have been sick for sometime. Please pray that Jesus will heal them and lead them into the Church of God. I also have brothers, sisters, and loved ones in sin. Pray for them. One of our members here is paralyzed, please pray for her and for my many friends. Pray for our success.—Mr. and Mrs. Floyd A. Boger, Rt. 1, Salisbury, Md.

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I praise the Lord for blessing in my home. I want you to pray a special prayer for my little baby, he is sick. Pray for the Lord to heal him.—Your sister in Christ, Bernice Gentry, Calhoun, Ga., 421 College St.

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I have a special request which I want everyone to pray for. Pray that God will give me the Holy Ghost and victory. Pray for my home that we will ever stay

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News from the Mission Field

ZENO C. THARP, Secretary, Mission Board

OUR MEXICAN MISSIONS

J. H. INGRAM

I am just back from a 4,000 mile tour of our Mexican missions, and am glad to report that God is giving us the victory all along the line. As far as I could determine all the churches and missions have been opened to the public again, with the exception of those in the State of Sonora, and the situation there is improving.

With our headquarters and most of our mission stations located in the latter named state, we naturally have been working at a disadvantage, since all places of worship were closed to the public by court order about three years ago. This condition of affairs was brought on by the Catholic church meddling in politics, and the pope met his match when he bucked up against the communistic-inclined government of Sonora. The result is, the Protestant missions have had to suffer also, though not guilty of any wrong doing in this respect.

Usually, those of European extraction —descendants of the conquistadores— are elected to fill the office of the chief executives, but this time a Yaqui Indian —one general Yocupicio—won out in the race for governor, and is to be inaugurated with the beginning of the new year. The governor-elect is said to be religiously-inclined, and the consensus of opinion is, that the churches and missions will again be permitted to open their doors.

EN ROUTE TO THE MISSION HEADQUARTERS

Leaving my home in Long Beach, California, I went to Nogales, Arizona, which is about 600 miles distant. This city is on the border and is divided by the international boundary line which separates the United States and the Republic of Mexico. We have a nice little church built in Nogales, Sonora, but unfortunately the closing order came about the time of its completion, and so far we have not been able to use it. Some of the good folks back home criticized us for building on the Mexican side under the existing conditions, and not knowing the facts one may feel justified in taking this position. However, we pursued this course for the following reasons and do not offer any apologies:

In the first place, a building site and part of the construction material had been donated, and the foundation, which is cut out in the solid rock, had already been started. Also the Mexican government required us to go through with the building program in order to be recognized as the Church of God, as they had denied us the privilege of worshipping in rented halls. Furthermore, the foreign mission board would have been overstepping their authority to have built on the American side of the border, and should this have been done, a great many of our people could not have crossed the line to attend the services, for various reasons. I am sure you feel better after this explanation! After all, we are not concerned so much about church buildings, for Antichrist is already manifesting his power and will soon take over all material possessions of the church, and will get the lukewarm members too, if they don't look out. You will agree with me, that he respects neither pulpit nor pew. So let us see to it by the grace of God that we are numbered with the overcomers, for then we shall possess all things "reigning as kings and priests under Christ."

I spent a week at Nogales with Brother Uriel Felix Avilez, our native evangelist, in charge of the work. We held meetings at two different homes on the Mexican side, as well as at the mission in Nogales, Ariz., with considerable interest being manifested, in spite of the scattered effort. One Mrs. Taft of the Methodist church has donated us the use of a small hall, seating around 200 people, on the Arizona side. This place is just a half block from the port of entry, and was formerly occupied by the Methodist folks.

My next stop was at Santa Ana, about sixty miles south of the border, where

A CHURCH OF GOD SUNDAY SCHOOL IN MEXICO

Sunday School group at Ciudad Obregon, Sonora, Mexico, our Mission Headquarters. The lady in the center of the picture dressed in white is Sister Atkinson; to her right is the local pastor, Brother F. A. Gonzales; to the left holding the baby is the pastor's wife.

we held two services in a building loaned for the occasion. We have a number of believers here with others interested, and they want us to open up a mission. There is only one church there, which belongs to the Catholics. At the present it is being used as a storage for cotton waiting to be ginned. I noticed that the building had almost fallen into ruins. I forgot to mention that our building in Nogales was damaged somewhat by the elements, etc. The neighbors said it was struck by lightning on one occasion. They took it as a warning from God to pursue a policy of "hands off." One professor was offered the building for a school but refused when he saw the Church of God sign.

Our next meetings were held in Hermosillo, Sonora, the state capital, where we preached to a mixed congregation of Pentecostal and Congregational people. The only evangelical church in the city has long since been converted into a "red" meeting place, with the folks worshipping in private homes. The minister from the Congregational church here is teaching school near Ciudad, Obregon, since the "shut-down" and has tendered his service to the Church of God. Pray that this brother will receive the baptism of the Holy Ghost. I was met in Hermosillo by Brother Lorenzo Garibaldi, a very prominent man who has lately been saved and united with the Church of God. He is editor-in-chief of a magazine called "Capital and Labor." He is already a flame of fire for the Lord, so to speak, please pray that he also may receive the Holy Ghost.

IN OBREGON CITY

Arriving at Ciudad Obregon (city of Obregon), I was met by Lieutenant Francisco Iceda of the Mexican Army Medical Corpse who escorted me to the mission compound, where we were soon surrounded by a happy bunch of folks shouting and praising the Lord although it was very early in the morning, not yet day. Lieut. Iceda has lately been saved and cast his lot with us, and is earnestly praying to be filled with the Holy Ghost. We have five meeting places here in the Yaqui Valley, including the headquarters, but we thought it best to confine our efforts to the central station during my visit. We have lately enlarged our main chapel by taking down a retaining wall, and yet we were unable to accommodate the crowds. The closing order has been a blessing in some ways, for many who otherwise would not come, will now slip around and come in through the back entrance, and many find the Lord in this way. We have built a shed—pandals we call them in India—outside in the corral to take care of the overflow when the crowds come and to use during the hottest months. By the end of the year we hope to set the church in order at a couple of neighboring towns where the work is progressing.

I have never seen greater interest manifested. There are many prominent people coming to our meetings and some getting saved. An American business man, one Mr. Kibby, a former classmate of President Roosevelt at Harvard, who was in attendance, set a banquet for us and made me a present of a Bible cover and a nice change purse from his leather goods store, which was highly appreciated.

To give you readers some idea of how the Lord is blessing, there were 105 saved, 94 baptized in water and 27 filled with the Holy Ghost during the year of 1936. We set the church in order with 40 members in the summer of 1932 and now we have around 300 enrolled—the books were taken to the border for safekeeping when Sister Atkinson left for the Assembly and had not yet been returned so we can not give exact figures at this time. During the four and one-half year period since the mission was established 673 (or 83) have been saved and 247 filled with the Holy Ghost. Many of these have gone into different parts of the Republic giving their testimony, but we are sadly in need of trained, consecrated workers in Mexico. We need some system of training, at least a Bible correspondence course. Sister Atkinson started the meetings here in a communist hall and she has been instrumental in stirring up this great interest among her people. Being an ex-war nurse and school teacher, as well as a former worker in the Catholic church, and the fact that she came from a very prominent family of European extraction, has placed her in a position where she has a wide range of influence. When I left Obregon City she was sick in bed with something bordering on pneumonia. Every one please pray for her recovery. Also please pray for our local pastor, Brother Fernando A. Gonzales, as he takes the oversight of the work. He is a promising young minister and worthy of our support in every way.

ON TO MEXICO CITY

I spent a night and a day at San Blas in the state of Sinaloa and conducted two services. Sister Atkinson was here some months ago and opened up the work but it has suffered for lack of a worker. A small room was donated for the meetings, and I met a leading hotel man of the town, a Roman Catholic, who gave me free lodging and told me he owned several buildings and would donate us a place for our regular meetings if we would send a worker, which we hope to do. San Blas is a railroad town with about 3,000 inhabitants and does not have a single Christian church—neither Catholic nor Protestant. Our next meetings were held in the home of Brother David A. Burgos in Mazatlan. This is the leading city of Sinaloa and is located in the torrid zone, just south of the tropic of Cancer on the gulf of lower California, some thirteen hundred miles by train from Los Angeles, Calif. The work here likewise has suffered because of the order closing the churches in the past, but since they are opening again we hope to do some real constructive work in the near future.

Leaving Mazatlan I continued to Mexico City where I was in meetings with Brother Axel Anderson who came here from Sweden about sixteen years ago. He is a friend of our Brother Conney in South India. When the Holy Ghost began to be poured out, which gave rise to the Latter Rain movement as we know it, the work spread very rapidly in Sweden and today there are around a thousand churches established there and with missionaries placed in most of the foreign fields, where God is blessing in a great manner—missionary churches never fail to get blessed. The fact that Sweden never became entangled in the bloody turmoil known as the "great World War" was attributed to the prayerfulness of her people.

Getting back to Brother Anderson and the work in Mexico. He has several missions and churches through the Republic with a thousand or two members enrolled. They have their own paper called "Light and Restoration," and publish a Sunday School quarterly—both in Spanish. We have looked forward to the time when these good folks may see the way clear to fellowship with us in the Church of God, and the question has been under consideration. So far they are running the work on independent lines, but they are a wonderful people and showed me no little favor.

I was also in meeting with Brother Valente Aponte who has a large work in the city. Mexico City is in the Federal District, being the capital of the Republic. It is situated on a great level plateau 7,500 feet above the sea and has about 1,000,000 inhabitants. The scenery is wonderful, with snow-capped mountains in the background, some rising to a height of more than 17,000 feet. The air is bracing too, with a great deal of sunshine. The temperature fell to four below zero on the centigrade thermometer the last night I was there, bringing death to seven thinly clad peons. From here I came direct to El Paso, Texas, a distance of 1,226 miles, making a total of fifteen Mexican states and four American states visited en route.

Every good deed done will bring a harvest that kings would be delighted to reap.

Testimonies

Taken Our Stand for Another Year

RUSSELL SPRINGS, Ky.—We are now in our new field and have taken our stand for another year against the devil. I am glad for the sweet Holy Ghost and His office work in my heart and for the great Church of God, of which I am a member and a witness of the Word. Glory to God!

We arrived here Nov. 16 and found lots to do. I soon located a handsaw, hammer, square, and nails, and went to work. Praise God, we are now living at our new home and expect to be in our church soon.

We met Dec. 13 and organized the Sunday School in the new parsonage. We are glad for the scripture found in Neh. 4:6. I find that it takes work and much prayer to win for God. Praise the Lord! We are glad to have (or it is thought to be) the best church house in the state. Praise God.

We are looking for a great year, for I don't see a thing to the contrary. We have a fine state and district overseer, of whom we are proud. Brother T. M. McClendon is our state overseer, and Brother Solomon Scalf our district overseer. We also have many good, loyal members.—G. F. Crank, pastor, Bernard church, R. R. 2.

Wins State and District S. S. Banner

MARYVILLE, Tenn. —Alcoa Church of God is praising Him from whom all blessings flow, for His goodness to our Sunday School. We have worked hard since the Assembly. God has helped us in our efforts. Our Sunday School has increased over 120 per cent. This was made possible only through the co-operation of the good folks here. For the month of December we won the state Sunday School banner, also the district Sunday School banner. We are happy about it and to take it away will take lots of hard work and no play.

We thank God for our state Sunday School superintendent, Brother Jenkerson. He is working hard to make Tennessee go over the top. We are behind him one hundred per cent.

If we keep the living water flowing through us, our overseer won't have to keep after us to make us work, the Holy Ghost doesn't park but keeps moving on. Keep praying for us here at Alcoa.—Your brother in Christ, G. W. Hodges, pastor.

Desires to Be Closer to Him

Dear Evangel readers, I desire your prayers as I have drifted from God. I see people when they backslide they take up the worldly habits and styles, but I thank God I don't have that desire. I don't want to go to worldly things or bob my hair, but my desire is to walk in all the light I can and do something for the Lord, He has done so much for me. We have been trusting the Lord three years for our healing. Sometimes I think, Now what would I do if one of my children got very sick—call for the elders or doctor? Then I think of Jeremiah 46:11, "In vain shalt thou use many medicines; for thou shalt not be cured." I also remember Jeremiah 3:22, "Return, ye backsliding children, and I will heal your backslidings." I want the faith to trust the Lord for both soul and body. Lamentation 5:15, "The joy of our heart is ceased; our dance is turned into mourning."

I have had many trials but I want to overcome. I don't have the chance to go to church very often as we live away from church. I have suffered much with the sick headache for about eight months. For four days I have had a severe pain in my shoulders. Sometimes it would cut my breath off until I could hardly breathe. Last night I said, Lord, I intend to trust you in spite of the devil. Praise the Lord. I feel much better this morning.—One who desires your prayers, Mrs. Mary Elliott, Trinity, Tex., Rt. 2.

Helps Us When No One Else Can

WASHINGTON, N. C.—I thank the Lord for what He is to me and my little children. I cannot thank Him enough, He has been so good to us. He has healed me and my three little ones. The Lord healed my baby boy when he was so sick the doctors thought he would die. Three pieces of bone came out of his head but he is living and getting along fine. It was through the prayers of the saints that the Lord had mercy and healed him.

I surely thank Him for being saved, sanctified, and filled with the Holy Ghost. I want all the saints to please pray for me to be humble and true and be a light to my husband, that he will be saved, also that I will have faith. I try to go to Sunday School and carry my little children. I do want to be true to the Lord and be ready to go any hour.

Please pray for me. Also pray for my mother, she has a sore leg. She trusts the Lord and I surely want to see her healed. She is a good worker for the Lord. Pray for my lost brothers and sisters to be saved, two of them have been saved but have gone back. Pray that they will come back to God. Also pray for my brother who is in B. T. S., for he wants to do the Lord's will.—Mrs. Arley J. Leggett, R. F. D. 3.

Healed of Nervous Indigestion

WALHALLA, S. C.—I praise God for what He is to me, for saving and sanctifying me. I praise Him for His great healing power. In 1933 I had something like nervous indigestion and God wonderfully healed me. He has healed me many times since. I desire the prayers of everyone that I may receive the Holy Ghost and do God's will.—A. R. Kelley, Rt. 2.

Received Sweet Blessings

SOPHIA, N. C.—Dear friends, I have been blessed since I wrote my letter and I am so very, very thankful to Him who heard our prayers, and to those who prayed for me. May God bless everyone. I have received blessings that were all the sweeter because they were unexpected, things that I hadn't even asked for, and I feel sure that it was in answer to prayer.

But please keep praying for me. I need more than I can tell. I wish I could explain to you but I would have to talk face to face. I have had a great trouble that has changed my whole life and filled it with dread and fear. I have not done anything that I am ashamed of, it is something that I cannot help, but I know that He can help. Please ask Him to help me in this trouble and show me what to do. It is nothing new, I have borne the burden for twenty-one years. I need prayer so much and He that blessed me once can bless me again.

I am very grateful to everyone. God bless you.—Your sister, Mrs. R. E. Freeman.

Praise God for First Holiness Sermon I Ever Heard

GREAT FALLS, S. C.—I praise the Lord for what He is to me, for the way He helps me to stand in these trying days when the enemy is on all sides. A little over three years ago I learned to trust the Lord for soul and body. He is our healer for the whole family.

I praise the Lord for the first holiness sermon I ever heard. Brother T. V. McCormick preached and I knew it was for me. When the altar call was given the enemy tried to keep me from going but I knew it was right and I went to the altar. God wonderfully saved me and put a desire in my heart for something I didn't have. The next week I was sanctified by the blood and filled with the Holy Ghost. He has been my leader all the time.

Pray for my wife to be healed of nerve trouble. She is trusting the Lord for her healing.—Yours for lost souls, L. C. Self, Box 576.

Look to Jesus

BATESVILLE, Miss.—The Lord has been so good and real to me and it seems He is getting nearer to us. He is a wonderful Savior to me. About four years and seven months ago God came into my heart and life and took up His abode and He is a real living Christ to me tonight. I dearly love Him for what He is to me and the way He encouraged me to be faithful and be ready to go when He comes in the clouds of glory. Dear ones, let us wake up to His soon coming. I don't feel like it will be very long.

I praise God for our church and the way He is blessing. We are on the road to success in the name of Jesus. The church is encouraged. I thank God for our pastor, Brother L. H. Brewer. I really think He has this work on his heart and pray that God will bless him in everything He undertakes. I praise the Lord for every member. I pray that God will give us more unity and love so we can win the victory over the devil and that our church will grow in grace. I thank God for salvation the devil hates. We are expecting a good work in our little church this year.

Since I have known Jesus He has been so real and sweet to my soul. It is more pleasure to serve Him than to have all the pleasure of this world. I praise Him for the great healing power. He has healed me many times. I am glad I am trusting One who has power over my soul and body. At times it seems I have gone the last mile of the way, but I look to Jesus. He will help you along until you grow stronger. Praise His dear name. I desire the prayers of everyone that I will grow in grace and be humble at the feet of Jesus. I would like to hear and be encouraged by some of our dear saints.—Yours for the Master, Mrs. Beulah Allen, Rt. 4, Box 101.

Y. P. E. Service a Blessing to Old and Young

ROME, Ga.—I thank the Lord for the Y. P. E. meeting at the Lindale Church of God recently. The subject they used, "What Do You Think About Jesus?" was grand, God blessed in a wonderful way. The Lord came down and the old were blessed as well as the young, and I believe it was the most sacred service I have been in in a long time.

We thank God for Brother McCoy, the superintendent of the Y. P. E. of Georgia. He is a grand young man for the Lord. He conducted a Y. P. E. revival in Lindale and it is still going. Today there are some young people there who were filled with the Holy Ghost in the revival and they are on fire for God I feel more like boosting the Y. P. E. than I ever did. It is one of the greatest works of the Church.

We don't have a Y. P. E. here at Rome but we hope to in the near future. We have a good many young people here and I hope in the near future we will be able to get Brother McCoy here to help us get started. God is blessing and I feel more encouraged today since attending the Y. P. E. meeting yesterday at Lindale. I feel like going on and pressing the battle. I am one hundred per cent for anything that will lift me up and encourage me like that Y. P. E. meeting did.

Any church will do well to get Brother McCoy to conduct a Y. P. E. revival. He surely did some good work at Lindale for the Lord and I believe it will last until Jesus comes. Pray for us here at Rome, for we want to be one hundred per cent.—Mrs. C. S. Richardson, 510 E. 3rd St.

Wonderful Healings Wrought

To the Church of God Evangel readers, and to all who are sick, suffering, and afflicted: In Mark 5:25 we read of a woman who had suffered twelve years with an issue of blood and suffered many things of many physicians. She had spent all she had and was nothing better, but rather grew worse. When she heard Jesus, she came in the press behind and touched His garment and was made every whit whole.

There was a woman in War, W. Va. who had heart trouble and ulcers on her legs for twelve years. She spent all she had and the doctors had given her up after they got $15,000, and she was penniless and without a home. She came to the writer in May and I just told her to get a long breath and stamp her foot; the ulcers went and the heart trouble too and she was healed. On my way from the Assembly I heard her testify to weighing two hundred fifty pounds and she was sound and well. Her home was with Brother R. W. Phillips, Caretta, W. Va., clerk of the church at War. Think of it! $15,000 spent and she said she never got one moment's ease in all that time and with all that money. Why throw your money away for medicines when, after it all, you have to call on God to heal you?

Sister Parish of Uhrichsville, Ohio can witness to this. She had gone through about five operations and she got worse every time. Finally she got where she could not walk and could not wear her shoes for ten months. She had suffered twenty-eight years. She had a double goitre and went to the Assembly with faith insomuch that she took her shoes with her to wear back home. When she got to me I just asked her what her trouble was and she told me. I told her to feel and see if it was there and when she felt the cancer and goitre had disappeared.

You dear ones who are suffering with these burdensome things as goitres and cancers, why spend your money and suffer so many things of physicians when God can heal? A sister just after the Assembly at Anderson, S. C. came for prayer with a large goitre. I just told her to swallow, and when she did the goitre disappeared. Brother R. P. Johnson's boy declared she swallowed it. Well, many have disappeared in like manner that space would not allow me to tell, and if you are suffering and can't get victory and have spent no doubt any amount of money trying to get relief, just send a little of what you have spent so much on doctors and help me get to you and God can heal you just the same. Sinners come to me with their hearts broken up and willing to live for God and they get saved, sanctified, and go away with the Holy Ghost and healed, and who could object to the working of God in this manner?

I can prove and many who read this can witness to what I am saying and, you who get your healing, write your testimony, for you never know who you are encouraging.

All who send handkerchiefs, please write plainly, as I have an apron on hand now and don't know where to send it, only the town and state, Bath, S. C. If you will give us your name we'll send it to you, but please send stamps for return. I thank all who have responded to my last notice, and if you would keep this up, I would be able to keep this going. Help us get to them by sending an offering along. May God bless and heal every one of you, dear sufferers, is my prayer.—Your brother in Christ, L. G. Rouse, Metz, W. Va., Box 43.

Praise God for People Who Will Stand

HOLLY GROVE, Ark.—We praise God for His goodness to the church and Sunday School at Dyer. We praise Him for a people who will stand true regardless and because He still saves and heals.

We are proud of our new pastor, Brother Claud McGee. We believe he is a man of God, he can really preach under the power of God. He has done many good things for our church under severe inconveniences.

Our church is small in number. We are planning to start a revival just as soon as the weather will permit, so we ask all the saints to pray that the Lord will save souls here. This is a hard place. Pray that I will ever stand true to my Savior.—Mrs. Albert Lawson, Rt. 2.

Thankful For All the Lord Has Done

KANNAPOLIS, N. C.—I am glad to report through the Evangel that the Lord works when we let Him. I have lived here all my life. When I was just a little girl a gospel tent was put up near home. They were Church of God folks. Holiness had never been preached in our little town and most people thought they were queer, but liked to go hear them sing. Mother and dad went and carried us children, and it wasn't long before they had the blessing too. The tent was taken down and a church was set in order, with Brother W. M. Stallings as pastor. We didn't have a building to worship in, so we used one room of Brother Stallings' house.

During this time the Lord gave me the Holy Ghost. I am so glad I gave my heart to Jesus while I was young. It wasn't long until the Lord gave us a nice little church, and my, we were happy. But it soon became too small and during Brother J. M. Snyder's pastoral work here the old church was enlarged twice, but still we didn't have enough room.

Brother Whittington came here in '35. He saw we needed a new church and would mention it occasionally. But last summer he got the burden upon himself and began to make arrangements. Mr. Cannon owns this town and he had the land we wanted to build a new church on. Brother Whittington went to see Mr. Cannon and told him our need and asked that he donate us the lot. He said, "Go back to your church Sunday and see how much money you can raise." That made us feel good.

The following Sunday we took an offering and received $1260 in cash and $700 in pledges. Brother Whittington went back to Mr. Cannon and told what our folks had done. Mr. Cannon said, "I see you are willing to work and I don't mind helping you." He gave us the lot and gave us material for the new church in exchange for our old property. The Lord had His hand in this work. We were able to pay our hands off every week. The new church was started the first of October and finished Dec. 20th, which was the dedication day. We had all-day service.

The service opened at 9:30 a. m. for Sunday School. We had a talk by Brother Walker and adjourned for dinner. At 1:30 p. m. we had one hour broadcast over WBT, Charlotte. We met at 1:00 o'clock to take an offering to finish paying for the new church. The amount we owed was $800. We wanted to raise this before the broadcast, and nine minutes before the broadcast, we lacked $500, but the Lord has given Brother Whittington a talent for raising money and one minute before we went over the air the last dollar was paid. We were made to weep for joy. The Lord surely has answered prayer in the building of this new church. I wish you could see it. It is modern in every way, has steam heat, Sunday School accommodations, ladies' lounge room, and preacher's study room, and the best of all, we have it free from debt.

We certainly thank the Lord for our pastor, Brother Whittington. He surely has done a good work here. He has the favor of the business men of this place.

We were glad to have with us on our dedication day our General Overseer, Brother J. H. Walker; Brother Otis McCoy, B. C. Robinson, the LaFevre trio. the Greenville, S. C., string band, and our state overseer, Brother John L. Stephens. We also had our first pastor with us, Brother W. M. Stallings. We were glad to have with us some of the business men of the town as follows: C. A. Cannon, owner of the Cannon mills; J. J. Barnhart, secretary; A. L. Brown, president; E. J. Sharp, manager of Mary Ella Hall; and a crowd of others, estimated to be fifteen hundred, and we have around a thousand at our regular Sunday night service. We are thankful for all the Lord has done here, to Him be glory forevermore.—Annie Freeze, clerk.

A Note of Praise

Dear Evangel readers, we feel that we must sound a note of praise to our dear Lord, He has been so good to us. We praise Him for the way He is blessing our efforts we are putting forth for Him.

We came down here on the Orange district just after the Assembly and the Lord surely has been gracious and good to us in every way possible. My husband is pastoring the church at Hartburg and last Tuesday night, Jan. 5, we organized a Y. P. E. over there and the Lord set His approval on it. We are planning to organize a Willing Workers' Band soon, so please pray for the work over there.

We have some fine folks over at Port Arthur, although there is no church there. We know of a surety that God is able and we hope to have one there in the near future. We too have some fine folks at Texla, where Brother C. A. James is pastor.

This is a large district and there are only two churches, so you see we need prayer. There have been two saved, one sanctified, and three added to the church since we came down here. Please pray for us that we will be yielded vessels in God's hands to be used for the salvation of lost souls. We love the Church of God and intend to stand for it until Jesus comes or calls for us.—Your brother and sister in Jesus, Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Warman, Mauriceville, Texas.

"Lord, I'll Go"

GRANT, Va.—Dear saints, I could hardly let the best and richest year of my life close without a testimony of praise to Him who is my all today. One position after another He took from me until about a year ago I gave up and said, "Lord, I'll go." But not until July did I try to get out for Him. Since then I have been almost continuously in the field except for a week of rest when I was sick.

The Lord has blessed me in preaching and singing the blessed gospel message. I have seen several precious ones reclaimed, a few saved and sanctified. Others have received light and, I pray, are seeking a deeper experience.

The Lord blessed in two precious services in a store at Old Quarry and many other places are opening up through that part of the country. Pray for us that we may miss no opportunity to carry this full gospel message entrusted to the Church of God.

I was called to speak to the children in the school here the 18th. God is also able to open the doors of the "community" church here which has always been shut against holiness. While I was at Sugar Grove I was asked to make an appointment here but was unable then. Pray that God will open doors and send an outpouring of the Spirit here. Praise His dear name! I've been asked to come to Trout Dale to help in a revival soon. Won't you help us with your prayers? Oh, how we need to pray. Prayer changes things.

I'm not very strong this winter. Pray the Lord to make me strong physically and spiritually for His glory, also that He will provide the way for me to take the Bible Course. Let us love one another, pray harder, and remember that "all things work together for good to that love the Lord."—Rachel Johnson.

Trusting God Only

LAVONIA, Ga.—I thank you for your prayers of faith and praise, and thank the dear Lord for His great healing power which reached my body and healed it. I was so weak I could hardly do what I had to in my home. I praise the Lord I can work all day now. I am trusting God only for my healing and I want to trust Him throughout this life. I know He is able and can heal all diseases through faith.

My little grandson had eczema and it looked like he would choke to death when he took cold. Brother Rouse prayed for him and he was healed.—A sister in Christ, Mrs. L. A. Chitwood.

Death Notices

JONES

Brother Ed Jones departed this life January 3, 1937. He was sixty-nine years, nine months, and ten days old. He was a faithful member of the Church of God at Pert Creek for four years. Funeral service was conducted by Brother W. A. Wilcox and the writer.—Bee Day.

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CLARK

Victor P. Clark of Stroud, Okla. departed this life December 16 at the age of eighty-two years, eleven months and three days. He died in the faith. Funeral services were conducted by Brothers Messer and Honey and interment made in Stroud cemetery.—His daughter, Mrs. Stella Cook.

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RUDY

On January 7, 1937, the death angel visited the home of Sister Sarah Rudy and took her husband, Harry Rudy, age fifty-two years. The funeral services were conducted by Brother J. A. Muncy at the Williamsburg, Pa. Church of God. Interment was made in the Mines cemetery. — His nephew, Lewis Dempsie, Williamsburg, Pa.

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HICKSON

The death angel visited the home of Sister Hickson at Ages, Ky. and claimed for the victim her companion, Calvin Hickson, who was forty-eight years old. The funeral was conducted by the writer January 9, 1937. Brother Hickson was killed in Brookside coal mine. Pray for his wife.—Brother Ed Cox, Box 110, Verda, Ky.

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FORTNER

On January 2, 1937 the death angel claimed our dear mother, Mrs. Martha Fortner. She was eighty-one years, six months, and twenty-five days old. She has been a Christian since she was fourteen years old. Her body was taken back to Georgia and placed by the side of Dad in the Church of God cemetery at Hopewell, Ga. Brother Arthur Tarpley had charge of the funeral.—One who loved her, her daughter, Mrs. J. J. Stuart, Box 106, Keystone, W. Va.

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LINGERFELT

Our loving Sister Eula (Pickett) Lingerfelt, wife of Chester Lingerfelt, departed this life to be with Jesus January 6, 1937, at the age of twenty-six years, eleven months, and one day. She was clerk and treasurer of our church for five years and a good altar worker and singer. Her funeral was held at the Church of God, conducted by Brothers Joe Colston, Frank Swaggerty, and John Scalf, her pastor. Her body was laid to rest in the cemetery above Daisy.—Her sisters in Christ, Mrs. Elsie Hoback and Bertha Moiser, Whitwell, Tenn.

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WALDING

The death angel visited the home of Brother and Sister Walding January 14 and claimed their oldest son, James Earl, age ten years, eight months, and three days. The funeral was conducted by Brother B. H. Lott at Mt. Olivet cemetery.—Some friends, Mrs. Annie Wheeler and Miss Annie Rodgers.

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JOHNSON

Death visited the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bert Johnson December 28 and claimed their darling baby, Bert Johnson, Jr., one year and five months old. The funeral was conducted by the writer at Benton cemetery.—B. H. Lott, Yazoo City, Miss.

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STREET

Brother Henry Street passed to his reward January 10, 1937. He was filled with the Holy Ghost and a member of the Church of God. He was sixty-six years, eight months, and eleven days old. —J. C. Conley, Hampton, Tenn.

Enjoying Better Health

MORGANTON, Ga.—I praise and thank the dear Lord for what He means to me. I thank Him for saving, sanctifying, and baptizing me with the sweet Holy Ghost. I also thank Him for His wonderful healing power. I have been in bad health for a long time. Most of the time I was not able to attend services. I had a bad cough and a severe hurting under my left shoulder and through my chest. I can't describe the awful feeling. I was so weak about Christmas, I could hardly walk. But praise the Lord, there's nothing impossible with God. He wonderfully touched my body one night here in my home. My mother has salvation and we were down praying and the power fell. Praise God! That severe hurting left my body and I feel the best now I have in many days.

Pray for me, saints everywhere, that I'll continue to get stronger physically and spiritually. Pray for my father that he will get salvation and pray for our little church here at Maple Grove.—A sister in Christ, Mrs. Lora Allen, Rt. 1, Box 40.

Praise God for His Power

SOUTH GASTONIA, N. C.—I praise God for the way He is blessing us here in South Gastonia. Saturday night Brother Phillips and Brother Graham, our district superintendent of Y. P. E., visited us with the Y. P. E. of Belmont. We were surely glad to have them with us. The play they put on, "Heaven Bound," was greatly enjoyed and surely encouraged our young people.

Sunday night the power of God fell in a mighty way. There was a shout in the camp. While the saints of God were getting a real feast from the Lord one girl in the choir received the Holy Ghost. When the altar call was given two more received the Holy Ghost and others were seeking the blessing. Pray for us that the Lord will continue to bless in our midst.—Mamie McGuire, Y. P. E. president.

Feels So Much Encouraged

CHARLESTON, Miss.—I praise God for what I feel bubbling up in my soul just now. Surely it must be that spiritual water springing up out of the well that Jesus told the Samaritan woman about.

I feel so much encouraged as I have been in some real spiritual services this week-end. Brother M. J. Headley, our esteemed overseer, came this way Jan. 14 and stayed until Sunday night.

The service Sunday morning was appreciated most by us as Brother Headley preached on "Love." Surely if all the Mississippi people could have heard that message, we would have more fellowship and love one for another. It stirred my hungry soul within me and made me want to get out in the highways and byways and beg the lost sinners of this world to come and let Jesus save their never-dying souls.

If there is anyone who wants us to come work and pray with you and your people, write us. Our aim is to work and pray for the lost until Jesus comes or calls us out of this world of sin and woe. —Humbly, T. H. Williams, Route 1.

Revival

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind.—We praise the Lord for the two weeks' meeting conducted by our state overseer, Brother W. M. Morrow. The Lord blessed in a wonderful way. Two prayed through to victory, six were added to the church. Brother Morrow gave out some good messages on the Church of God line. People seemed to like the pure Word, for they all held up hands that they would like for him to come back for another meeting. Pray for us here that we may have a good, strong Church of God here.—Lula B. Silvers, clerk.

The preacher with a poor influence will have no soul in his message, however learned he may be. The message must have a man behind it before it can have God behind it.

REPORTS

District Convention Enjoyed

The Lawrenceville, Ill., district convention was held in Lawrenceville Dec. 10-13. The presence of the Lord was felt in every service. It seemed that each subject was given to the right preacher, because God anointed each of them in a wonderful way and each sermon was an inspiration to all who attended. Brother C. G. Carder, the district overseer, had an exceptionally good program, which made the convention an inspiration to all.

The meals were served in a basement next door to the church and each day a different church served the meals, so we feasted on earthly things as well as heavenly blessings.

During the convention several received the Holy Ghost who had been seeking for years. God's presence was so strong that at times we leaped and shouted, sometimes we wept, and at other times we felt a solemn, heavenly hush upon our souls.

Friday evening Sister Barbara King, leader of Logan church, gave a very interesting and touching sermon on "Missions" and an offering was taken amounting to $16.28.

Sunday morning Sister Hattie Utz gave a talk on the "Orphanage" after which an offering amounting to $10.01 was taken.

Sister Helen L. Morrow was with us Saturday afternoon and she and Miss Margaret James sang several numbers, after which Sister Morrow preached a touching sermon.

We greatly enjoyed the "General Instructions" given Sunday morning by our esteemed state overseer, Brother J. R. Thomas. He spoke on all of the late rulings passed by the General Assembly and everyone seemed to enjoy his talk.

I'm sure everyone who attended this convention can truly say, "It was good for us to be there."—Evelyn Scogin, state Y. P. E. president of Illinois.

Efforts Blessed of the Lord

ST. JOSEPH, Mo.—We closed our revival Dec. 6 with several in the altar. Eight were saved, seven sanctified, nine baptized with the Holy Ghost, and five added to the church—one of them was a real good preacher with twenty-five years' experience, Brother E. F. Crain, 2306 E. 8th St., Kansas City, Mo. He did the preaching for us the last two weeks of the revival. Brother Crain is going to Chillicothe to run a revival for Brother Buntin.

Those who want a good preacher to run a revival for them would do well to get in touch with Brother Crain at the above address, or communicate with me and I will make arrangements for you with him. We would like for the other pastors on the St. Joseph district who can to engage Brother Crain for your revivals as we would like to keep him engaged all the time in evangelistic services in this district.

All Sunday School secretaries on this district, please make your monthly reports to Brother R. E. Worley, 4310 Vista Ave., St. Louis, Mo., as he is state Sunday School superintendent, and Brother John Koonse, 1907 Main St., St. Joseph, Mo., is district Sunday School superintendent.

If there are any evangelists who are idle in St. Joseph district, I would like to get in touch with you, as there are many places in this district that are wanting a meeting. To all preachers and officers in this district, feel free to write us any time as we are here to serve you. —Your Brother and coworker, T. J. Milligan, pastor, N. St. Joseph, and district overseer.

Maine Ministers' Meeting Held New Year's Day

"It was a good start-off for the new year" is truly the sentiment of those present January 1 at the all-day ministers' meeting in Portland. It was for the purpose of outlining the work for the year. A large delegation of saints and ministers were there. The morning service was conducted by Brother George M. Bloomingdale, state overseer, who, of course, was very zealous and hopeful for a great day in the Lord. I'm sure he was not disappointed, when at the close of the evening session all the saints separated with greater zeal and courage for the battles of the year just ahead. A sweet, melting spirit prevailed and everyone was feasting and wondering what would be next.

Brother H. L. Harris, pastor at Portland, led the song service and Brother Buker rendered a vocal number. This was followed by Brother J. T. Murray, pastor at Thorndike, formerly of Tennessee, who said he had never been blessed so much as since he came to Maine. He gave a stirring message on "Perilous Times." Lord, help us to be more zealous for God. If we don't watch, God will raise up some one in our stead.

A lovely dinner was served at noon, also supper, which was enjoyed so much. The afternoon song service was led by Brother Harris, who said he had learned to love the brethren since being in Maine. Brother Bloomingdale's subject in the afternoon was "The Head of the Church." He made it very plain that man is not the head of the Church but that Jesus is the head, and God put all things under His feet and gave Him to be the Head of all things to the Church. That is the reason He made the wonderful statement, "The gates of hell shall not prevail against the church." He laid stress on the body not being severed from the head or having sickly diseased members, but showed the importance of every one standing at his post, ready for service at any time. The Lord blessed.

After the message Brother Bloomingdale outlined the work of the church in regard to aged ministers' fund; mission money; plans were made to finish paying for property at state headquarters, Appleton, Me. The B. T. S. of Maine was boosted and others encouraged to boost same. Sunday School—should try to put a student through B. T. S. Evangel—try to get it in every home. Lighted Pathway—encourage young people to subscribe and read. It contains wonderful thoughts for ministers also. Family worship—all pastors should encourage each family to do this.

Brother E. P. Kimball is the district overseer of Belfast, Thorndike, Bangor, and Exeter Corner churches; Brother C. L. Harris is district pastor over Portland, Auburn, Bath and West Buxton. Honor roll at state Assembly—those churches who are loyal in raising required amounts for aged ministers' fund and mission fund will have their name placed on the honor roll at the convention.—Mrs. Geo. M. Bloomingdale, Exeter Corner, Me.

I'm Glad I'm One of Them

ARCHIBALD, La.—I thank the Lord for what He is to me. Truly, He is my Redeemer. About six years ago I got interested about my soul and I got so restless I wasn't satisfied anywhere I went. I was afflicted with pellagra of the stomach and I told the Lord if He would heal my body and give me the Holy Ghost I would testify of it.

One night I was listening to some colored saints sing and I felt like I should pray, so I began to pray. A beautiful light overshadowed me and I was filled with the sweet Holy Ghost and began to speak in tongues and shout and praise God. The Lord touched my body and I was healed. I am glad I am one of them who can hold up my Savior to a lost world. Please pray for me.—A sister in Christ, Mrs. Mae Wells.

Some churches had better be small as large, as they consume all their finance on their home needs and keep all of their home talent at home. A church that is so small as to do this should remain small.

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When the gospel doesn't spread it is not because it hasn't enough love in it, but it is because the Church has not enough love in it. It is to go out from Zion. True love in Zion will furnish a way to go. God wake up Zion!

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No one can be at the foot of the cross and at the throat of his brother at the same time.

STATE CONVENTIONS

Jamaica
January 28-31
H. A. HUDSON, Overseer

New Mexico State Convention
March 5, 6, 7, inclusive
JOHN E. DOUGLAS, Overseer

California State Convention
March 12, 13, 14, inclusive
E. M. ELLIS, Overseer

Arizona District Convention
March 15, 16
E. M. ELLIS, Overseer

The overseers will be expected to arrange the place, entertainment and programs in their respective territory.—J. H. Walker, General Overseer.

BROADCASTS

4:15 p. m. each Wednesday,
Waycross, Ga., WAYX No. 120
H. L. Sorrow, Pstor

Each Sunday Afternoon from
3:45 to 4:30 E. S. T.
Greenville S. C. Operates on 1300
Kilocycles
Earl Paulk, Pastor

Each Sunday from 3:00 to 3:30 p. m.
Eastern Standard Time
Wilmington, N. C., WMFD
1370 Kilocycles
H. T. Durden, Pastor

Biltmore, Canton, West Asheville
Each Friday, 5:00 p. m., WWNC

Harrisburg, Ill., WEBQ
1210 Kilocycles
Monday, 3:00 to 3:45 p. m.
J. R. Thomas, Overseer

Charlotte, N. C., WSOC
1210 Kilocycles
Sunday, 4:30 p.m.; Thursday, 3:15 p.m.
W. T. Nelson, Pastor

Fergus Falls, Minn., Tuesday and
Friday, 11:00 a. m., over
Station KGDE, 1200 kilocycles
H. E. Ramsey and party

Anderson, S. C., WAIM
2:00 p. m. to 2:45 p. m.
Each Saturday
J. C. Childers, Pastor

REVIVALS

MUDFORK, W. Va.—We closed a great four weeks' revival here at Mudfork, W. Va. with Sister Florence Kinsley of Canton, Ohio in charge. The interest increased every night and the Lord only knows just how many were blessed. The crowds were large. Sister Kinsley is a wonderful evangelist and knows how to get hold of the unsaved. She spent three years in Africa as a missionary and every night she says something about her experience there. The influence of the revival is still going on. From one to five get through almost every service. Prayer meetings are going on and souls are being saved. Sister Kinsley preached at different churches on the district each Sunday afternoon and that created a great missionary spirit. We have a wonderful church here, the people know how to pray. Brother H. L. Marcum, ex-pastor, served three years here and he taught the people to pray.—E. O. Sells, pastor.

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BIG CREEK, W. Va.—We praise the Lord for a prayer-answering God. We asked Him to send some one to hold us a revival, so Brother W. B. Branham of Louisa, Ky., came. The Lord is wonderfully blessing in every service, the Holy Ghost is presenting Himself. Souls are praying through to victory. Conviction is falling and much good is being accomplished. We covet the prayers of all Church of God people everywhere for this revival. All who can, please come and help us. We also thank the Lord for Brothers Hugh Brewster and Fred Browning, our pastor. They have cooperated and helped. We love our pastor and family. Pray for the work here.—Your sister in Christ, Mrs. Josie Bledsoe, clerk.

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EAST ALTON, Ill.—We give God the glory for His blessing here at East Alton, Ill. We have started the new year off with renewed effort and courage, assured that His power and presence will help us triumph. God has done marvelous things for His church here, yet we are looking for greater. At the present time we are in a mighty, heart-rending, grace-receiving, old-time, Pentecostal revival with the young people in charge. Thus far six have been saved, three sanctified, and one filled with the Holy Ghost. Brother Arthur Smiddy was in charge the first week. God did bless us. Brother Kenneth Moore is now conducting the services. Please pray for us here that God will continue to bless.—Your brother, J. H. Freeman, pastor.

Encouraged

OMAHA, Ark.—We thank God for the way He is blessing here. We thank Him for Brother Odis Smith, our state overseer. He was with us Jan. 7 and we had a wonderful service. The people seem to be greatly encouraged. Truly God sent Brother Smith to our state. Please pray for the work here that it will rise and shine for God.—Lono Marlin, district pastor.

Stepping Out For God

CANTON, Ohio.—Canton in the last quarter has been going over the top in its Sunday School work. We had a beautiful banner made and the words "Star Class" and a big star sewed on it. The young married people's class won the Star Class banner for the first quarter. The young unmarried people's class ran them a close second. Although they did not get the banner, they had the most regular attendance of any class in the Sunday School. The orphanage offering has been coming in at three and four dollars almost every Sunday. We're very glad to say that Canton is fully up to date on the mission quota.

The Y. P. E. has been coming along wonderfully. The young folks have been stepping out in a marvelous way for God and Canton is coming right up to the front. On Jan. 5 we had the pleasure of having a colored quartet in our Y. P. E. meeting.

The best news we have to tell is that of our recent revival which convened Nov. 8-29. Brother Archie McWilliams and his coworker, Brother Arlie Starn, conducted the revival. The people of Canton enjoyed this revival to the fullest extent. They banded together and prayed as they never prayed before. God blessed wonderfully every night, especially in the messages. Brother McWilliams seemed to be filled to the very brim of his soul with the mighty power of God. The Holy Ghost witnessed many times and we really felt the bells of heaven ringing in our souls. We enjoyed the singing and playing that Brother Starn did for us. The Lord worked wonderfully among the young people. Brother McWilliams took a special interest in them and God blessed his efforts with great success. Twenty-five were saved, sixteen sanctified, sixteen baptized with the Holy Ghost, eleven added to the church, and seven more have been added since.

To make a long story short the Canton folks can never express what a warm place Brothers Archie McWilliams and Arlie Starn occupy in the chain of friendship. We are glad to say Brother Starn has temporarily taken up his abode in Canton and is a great aid with his songs and music. In conclusion, we thank God for His mercy and goodness towards us, and we hope during the new year we can still do more for God than we've ever done before.—Gladys Warden, reporter.

REQUESTS

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humble. Pray for our children that their bodies will be healed.—Your brother in Christ, Van D. McCullough, 280 Bickford St., Memphis, Tenn.

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Dear saints, I am in trouble about my soul. I once was saved but backslid. Please pray for me to have faith, love and grace to trust God like I once had. Pray that I will overcome all things. Pray for my son that he will turn from strong drink and that God will stop him from going with bad company and change his mind. Please pray for my body as I am sick.—Mrs. Sallie Johnson, 331 Buchanan St., Bristol, Va.

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We have started a revival at Gap Creek, Tenn. This is a new and needy field. Every saint please pray for the success of this revival. May God find enough material for a good church.—J. C. Conley, pastor, Hampton, Tenn.

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Please pray that I will be sanctified and baptized with the Holy Ghost. Pray for my children to receive the Holy Ghost, they are all saved.—A sister in Christ, Mrs. A. B. Graves, 1804 Grand Ave., Knoxville, Tenn.

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We thank the Lord for healing our baby when we thought he had pneumonia. He also healed me of flu. Pray that I will be drawn closer to Him.—Mrs. John H. McDowell, Taylorsville, N. C.

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We are in a revival at Willisville, Ill. We ask the saints to pray that God will give us an old time revival. Truly, we need a revival here very much. Pray that many people will be saved, sanctified, and filled with the Holy Ghost.—Daulton Short, Willisville, Ill.

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Dear members, please pray for my wife, she has pneumonia. The doctors don't think there is any chance for her. Please have a special prayer for her and keep praying until she is healed, I know the Lord can heal her.—Yours sincerely, Charlie Britt, Rt. 2, Pitts, Ga.

Missionary work was begun by Christ and must be perpetuated by the church if the church is to be sustained by divine power and is to have any traces of the miraculous in it.

Sin, its Origin and the Penalty

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began with Adam and has reached down to this age, and sometimes I think it is almost like Jesus said in Matt. 24:37.

Next time we see sin is where Cain killed Abel, because he let a jealous spirit get hold of him, when God had respect to Abel's offering for it was a blood offering. Cain got angry because God was not pleased with his offering, as it was from the ground. What was the matter? Sin lieth at the door, Gen. 4:7. Now listen, if any person will not accept the blood of the immaculate Son of God, he is in the same condition that Cain was in and sin will show up in his life somewhere down life's pathway, for so says the Word, "Be sure your sins will find you out," Num. 32:23.

Look at the penalty on Cain, "And now art thou cursed from the earth*** When thou tillest the ground, it shall not henceforth yield unto thee her strength; but a fugitive and a vagabond shalt thou be in the earth." Gen. 4:11-12.

Read Deut. 11:13-18. Notice the blessings of God to those who keep His commandments, and on the other hand what follows disobedience. God promised if they would walk in His statutes, keep His commandments, love the Lord and serve Him with all their heart and soul, He would give them the rain of their land in due season that they might gather in the corn and the wine and the oil, and would send grass in the field for their cattle that they might eat and be full. On the other hand we see where He warned them to take heed that their hearts be not deceived, that they turn not aside to serve other gods, the Lord's wrath be kindled against them and they perish from off the goodly land which He gave them.

Notice verse 26, "Behold, I set before you this day a blessing and a curse." The next two verses say, "A blessing if ye obey, and a curse if ye will not obey." This was under the covenant of the flesh, and so it is to-day with the children of God, under the covenant of grace (or Christ). Disobedience always brings defeat, but if we will walk in His statutes and keep His commandments, we will have the blessings of joy, peace, and happiness in this life, and everlasting, endless life in the great beyond. On the other hand, think of what it will mean to those who disobey God and will not take heed, for the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Rom. 6:23.

There are a lot of people who have the idea that victory comes by shouting, but according to God's Word, I find it always comes by obedience. Some will cite you to the time when the walls of Jericho fell by shouting, but I beg your pardon. You remember when Joshua saw the angel of the Lord over against the wall, Joshua said, "Art thou for us or for our adversaries?" The angel said, "Nay, but as captain of the Lord of hosts am I come." Joshua 5:13, 14. And you remember what the angel told him to do, and when they had obeyed every thing that they were commanded, then all they had to do was to shout and the victory came—those old walls tumbled down. The same thing will happen to-day, if you want the genuine old time, Holy Ghost fire and the shouting, first obey and the shouting will come. Obedience will bring the shouting and shouting will bring the victory.

Some are like the people were when Aaron made the calf. There was dancing and shouting all right, but Moses said it didn't sound like the shouts of victory to him. Obedience will bring the victory.

Joshua thought he could take a few men and conquer Ai, and I think he was like some holiness preachers of to-day. They will go to a church and think they can put over a great revival. They preach, pray, sing, shout, and nearly work themselves to death and no results, and some of the brothers and sisters will shout and dance and talk in tongues and looks like there ought to be victory. After a while they find out that lots of times the ones that are doing the most shouting are breaking the rules of the church, something is covered up in their lives and God can't bless. Yes, but you say, they seem to have victory. So did Aaron and those dancing around the calf. Joshua prayed and God showed him where the trouble was. Thank God for men to-day that will pray until God sends the victory.

Saul disobeyed and look where he landed. Samuel said, "Obedience is better than sacrifice, and to harken than the fat of rams." Prov. 14:34 says, "Righteousness exalteth a nation but sin is a reproach to any people." Remember that, "Whatsoever a man soweth that shall he also reap, for he that soweth to the flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption, but he that soweth to the spirit shall of the spirit reap life everlasting." By one man sin entered into the world and death by sin, and, as in Adam all die even so in Christ shall all be made alive, for the wages of sin is death but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

If the Church loved souls as much as she does luxury she would furnish enough of both money and missionaries to convert the world in five years.

Our Duty in Regard to Missions

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secrated workers and a few dollars to carry on. That, my brother, is not missions; it is the very real and vital part of the Church itself. Did you know that every book in the New Testament was written by a foreign missionary? that every letter in the New Testament that was written to an individual was written to a convert of foreign missions? that every epistle in the New Testament that was written to a church, was written to a foreign missionary church? that every book of the New Testament that was written to a community of churches, was written to a group of foreign missionary churches? The one book of prophecy in the New Testament (Revelation) was addressed to seven foreign missionary churches. The inspired, authoritative historical book of the New Testament in its primitive days (The ACTS) is a foreign missionary journal, and the language of the New Testament is preeminently missionary throughout. And of the twelve apostles chosen by our Lord, every one became a missionary but one, and he died a traitor. Brother, which class are you in? If God has not given you the talent to carry the gospel to the heathen, then He expects you to help make possible the cause by your means. —Earl H. Thomas, correspondence student.

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Held on to God Through Prayer

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Gloryland Way
Come and Dine
Child of a King
I'm Going to Live with Jesus
Final Judgment Day
Glory Hallelujah in the Soul
He Died of a Broken Heart

Sweeping Through the Gates
Hide Me
He's Coming Again
Honey in the Rock
Never Grow Old
I Belong to the King
Haven of Rest
What a Happy Time
If the Light has Gone Out
I Love to Tell the Story
Keep on Climbing
Old Time Power
One of Them
Is Your All on the Altar
Message to Mother
I've Received an Invitation
I Would not be Denied
Doomed Without a Hope
(Fine invitation song)

I'll be no Stranger there
Don't Grieve Your Mother
One of Them To-day
Lord I Believe
Just Over in the Gloryland
All I Need
When Our Lord Shall Come
To the Dear Lord, I Go
None of Self and All of Thee
An Old Account Settled
Come Let Us Go Home
Happy Pilgrim
Wonderful Words of Life
Whosoever Means Me
I'm Just as Rich as You
Sight Scenes in Glory
Sunlight, Sunlight
His Way With Thee
Lift Him Up

I'd Rather Have Jesus
Dwelling in Beulah Land
There is Power in the Blood
This is Like Heaven to Me
My Savior is Precious to Me
I'm Looking for His Coming
The Glory Train
Tell It to Jesus Alone
Keep on the Firing Line
A Beautiful Life
A Child at Mother's Knee
Is thy Heart Right with God
Are You Washed in the Blood
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